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TO AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS PRIORITY

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TAGS: EINV, BEXP, BE

SUBJECT: CLOSING OF PENNSYLVANIA COMMERCE DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE IN BRUSSELS.

REFS: (A) BRUSSELS 13020; (B) BRUSSELS 13234

1. SUMMARY: AFTER CONSULTING WITH OFFICIALS IN  
PENNSYLVANIA BUREAU OF INTERNATIONAL COMMERCE, WE BELIEVE  
A STRONGLY WORDED CABLE FROM THE AMBASSADOR TO STATE  
GOVERNOR MILTON SHAPP EXPLAINING CONSEQUENCES OF CUTOFF OF  
FUNDS MIGHT BE HELPFUL IN REVERSING PRESENT SITUATION.  
END OF SUMMARY.

2. ROBERT LETZING, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF INTER-  
NATIONAL COMMERCE, PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE,  
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ESSENTIALLY CONFIRMED TO US BRENNAN'S STORY ON CLOSING OF  
PENNSYLVANIA TRADE OFFICE, BUT HE FELT THERE WAS STILL  
POSSIBILITY OF SALVAGING SITUATION BEFORE EXPECTED LAW  
SUITS OR OTHER PROBLEMS COMMENCED. HE SAID MATTER HAS  
BEEN DISCUSSED AT HIGHEST LEVELS IN PENNSYLVANIA GOVERN-  
MENT AND THAT VIEWS OF ATTORNEY GENERAL KANE, TO EFFECT  
THAT FUNDS HAD TO BE CUT OFF AT ONCE, HAD PREVAILED OVER

THOSE WHO FELT AND STILL FEEL THAT AN EXTENSION IS  
LEGALLY JUSTIFIED. IN ADDITION, LETZING SAID THERE IS

NOW PENDING IN LEGISLATURE A NEW PROPOSAL TO FUND  
BRUSSELS OFFICE BUT THAT NO ACTION COULD BE EXPECTED  
IMMEDIATELY AS LEGISLATORS HAD ONLY RECENTLY RETURNED  
FROM SUMMER RECESS. HE ALSO POINTED OUT TO US THAT  
BRENNAN'S POSITION HAS BEEN THAT OF A CONSULTANT TO THE  
STATE, RATHER THAN A DIRECT EMPLOYEE, AND THAT THOSE  
WORKING IN THE BRUSSELS OFFICE ARE EMPLOYED BY BRENNAN  
RATHER THAN BY THE STATE.

3. LETZING TOLD US OCTOBER 4 THAT HIS BUREAU AGREES  
WITH OUR EARLIER SUGGESTION THAT CABLE FROM AMBASSADOR  
CHAMBERS TO GOVERNOR SHAPP, STATING CLEARLY THE CON-  
SEQUENCES OF PENNSYLVANIA'S ACTION, COULD BE HELPFUL.  
IF AMBASSADOR AGREES WITH THIS APPROACH DEPARTMENT SUG-  
GESTS A STRONG STATEMENT ALONG LINES OF PARA 4 OF  
REFTEL A, EXPRESSING THE AMBASSADOR'S GREAT CONCERN THAT  
PENNSYLVANIA HAD CHOSEN TO ACT IN SUCH A WAY ON THIS,  
POINTING OUT THE DAMAGE THE STATE'S ACTIONS COULD CAUSE  
OTHER STATE OFFICES, US INVESTORS, AND THE OVERALL US  
IMAGE IN BELGIUM, AND ASSESSING THE LIKELY AFFECT ON ANY  
FUTURE DEALINGS BY THE STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA OR PENNSYL-  
VANIA FIRMS IN BELGIUM. CABLE SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO  
GOVERNOR MILTON J. SHAPP, STATE CAPITOL, HARRISBURG.  
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4. EMBASSY SHOULD REFER ANY LOCAL QUERIES TO LETZING  
AT 408 SOUTH OFFICE BUILDING, HARRISBURG 17120.

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